

House Bill 1384

By: Representatives Marin of the 96th and Holmes of the 61st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding insurance, so as to require health benefit policy coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of infertility; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding insurance, is amended by inserting a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-24-59.13.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Diagnosis and treatment of infertility' means procedures consistent with established medical practices in the treatment of infertility by licensed physicians and surgeons including, but not limited to, diagnosis, diagnostic tests, medication, surgery, gamete intrafallopian transfer, and in vitro fertilization.

(2) 'Health benefit policy' means any individual or group plan, policy, or contract for health care services issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state which provides major medical benefits, including those contracts executed by the State of Georgia on behalf of indigents and on behalf of state employees under Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45, by a health care corporation, health maintenance organization, preferred provider organization, accident and sickness insurer, fraternal benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation, or other insurer or similar entity.

(3) 'Infertility' means the condition of an otherwise presumably healthy individual who is unable to conceive or sustain a pregnancy during a period of one year.

1 (4) 'Insurer' means any person, corporation, or other entity authorized to provide health
2 benefit policies under this title.

(b) Every health benefit policy that is delivered, issued, executed, or renewed in this state or approved for issuance or renewal in this state on or after July 1, 2008, shall provide coverage for medically necessary expenses of diagnosis and treatment of infertility."

6 SECTION 2.

7 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.